

Galleta Mixed Grasslands (11)



Location. Most of the grasslands at Wupatki and its surrounding area map to this type. Although galleta is generally dominant, black grama, alkali sacaton and needle-and-thread may contribute significant cover. This type may contain minor cover of shrubs such as yucca, snakeweed, shadscale, and rabbitbrush. An example of Galleta Grassland (10) is visible on the slope in the background.

Photosignature. This type generally appears as large, light gray or pale gray-green blotches, depending on the amount of volcanic cinder mixed in the soil and the depth of the grass litter layer. The texture is smooth because of the lack of shrubs. Scattered juniper appear as small brown dots. Most polygons are large.

